

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket record. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED)

I. (a) PLAINTIFF(S)**DEFENDANT(S)**

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF

 (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT

 (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED

(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS)

ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

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| 1 U.S. GOVERNMENT PLAINTIFF | 3 FEDERAL QUESTION (U.S. GOVERNMENT NOT A PARTY) |
| 2 U.S. GOVERNMENT DEFENDANT | 4 DIVERSITY (INDICATE CITIZENSHIP OF PARTIES IN ITEM III) |

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)
 (FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY)

- | PLF | DEF | PLF | DEF |
|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1 | 1 CITIZEN OF THIS STATE | 4 | 4 INCORPORATED OR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE |
| 2 | 2 CITIZEN OF ANOTHER STATE | 5 | 5 INCORPORATED AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN ANOTHER STATE |
| 3 | 3 CITIZEN OR SUBJECT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY | 6 | 6 FOREIGN NATION |

IV. ORIGIN (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

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|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1 ORIGINAL PROCEEDING | 2 REMOVED FROM STATE COURT | 3 REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT | 4 REINSTATED OR REOPENED | 5 TRANSFERRED FROM ANOTHER DISTRICT (Specify District) | 6 MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION - TRANSFER | 7 APPEAL TO DISTRICT JUDGE FROM MAGISTRATE JUDGE JUDGMENT |
| 8 MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION - DIRECT FILE | | | | | | |

V. CAUSE OF ACTION

(CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE - DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)

(IF COMPLEX, CHECK REASON BELOW)

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| 1. Unusually large number of parties. | 6. Problems locating or preserving evidence |
| 2. Unusually large number of claims or defenses. | 7. Pending parallel investigations or actions by government. |
| 3. Factual issues are exceptionally complex | 8. Multiple use of experts. |
| 4. Greater than normal volume of evidence. | 9. Need for discovery outside United States boundaries. |
| 5. Extended discovery period is needed. | 10. Existence of highly technical issues and proof. |

CONTINUED ON REVERSE

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RECEIPT # _____	AMOUNT \$ _____	APPLYING IFP _____	MAG. JUDGE (IFP) _____
JUDGE _____	MAG. JUDGE _____ (Referral)	NATURE OF SUIT _____	CAUSE OF ACTION _____

VI. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)CONTRACT - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

150 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT &
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT
152 RECOVERY OF DEFAULTED STUDENT
LOANS (Excl. Veterans)
153 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT OF
VETERAN'S BENEFITS

CONTRACT - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

110 INSURANCE
120 MARINE
130 MILLER ACT
140 NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT
151 MEDICARE ACT
160 STOCKHOLDERS' SUITS
190 OTHER CONTRACT
195 CONTRACT PRODUCT LIABILITY
196 FRANCHISE

REAL PROPERTY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

210 LAND CONDEMNATION
220 FORECLOSURE
230 RENT LEASE & EJECTMENT
240 TORTS TO LAND
245 TORT PRODUCT LIABILITY
290 ALL OTHER REAL PROPERTY

TORTS - PERSONAL INJURY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

310 AIRPLANE
315 AIRPLANE PRODUCT LIABILITY
320 ASSAULT, LIBEL & SLANDER
330 FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY
340 MARINE
345 MARINE PRODUCT LIABILITY
350 MOTOR VEHICLE
355 MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCT LIABILITY
360 OTHER PERSONAL INJURY
362 PERSONAL INJURY - MEDICAL
MALPRACTICE
365 PERSONAL INJURY - PRODUCT LIABILITY
367 PERSONAL INJURY - HEALTH CARE/
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT LIABILITY
368 ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCT
LIABILITY

TORTS - PERSONAL PROPERTY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

370 OTHER FRAUD
371 TRUTH IN LENDING
380 OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE
385 PROPERTY DAMAGE PRODUCT LIABILITY

BANKRUPTCY - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

422 APPEAL 28 USC 158
423 WITHDRAWAL 28 USC 157

CIVIL RIGHTS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

440 OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS
441 VOTING
442 EMPLOYMENT
443 HOUSING/ ACCOMMODATIONS
445 AMERICANS with DISABILITIES - Employment
446 AMERICANS with DISABILITIES - Other
448 EDUCATION

IMMIGRATION - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

462 NATURALIZATION APPLICATION
465 OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS

PRISONER PETITIONS - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

463 HABEAS CORPUS- Alien Detainee
510 MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE
530 HABEAS CORPUS
535 HABEAS CORPUS DEATH PENALTY
540 MANDAMUS & OTHER
550 CIVIL RIGHTS - Filed Pro se
555 PRISON CONDITION(S) - Filed Pro se
560 CIVIL DETAINEE: CONDITIONS OF
CONFINEMENT

PRISONER PETITIONS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

550 CIVIL RIGHTS - Filed by Counsel
555 PRISON CONDITION(S) - Filed by Counsel

FORFEITURE/PENALTY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

625 DRUG RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY
21 USC 881
690 OTHER

LABOR - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

710 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT
720 LABOR/MGMT. RELATIONS
740 RAILWAY LABOR ACT
751 FAMILY and MEDICAL LEAVE ACT
790 OTHER LABOR LITIGATION
791 EMPL. RET. INC. SECURITY ACT

PROPERTY RIGHTS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

820 COPYRIGHTS
840 TRADEMARK
880 DEFEND TRADE SECRETS ACT OF 2016 (DTSA)

PROPERTY RIGHTS - "8" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

830 PATENT
835 PATENT-ABBREVIATED NEW DRUG
APPLICATIONS (ANDA) - a/k/a
Hatch-Waxman cases

SOCIAL SECURITY - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

861 HIA (1395ff)
862 BLACK LUNG (923)
863 DIWC (405(g))
863 DIWW (405(g))
864 SSID TITLE XVI
865 RSI (405(g))

FEDERAL TAX SUITS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

870 TAXES (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
871 IRS - THIRD PARTY 26 USC 7609

OTHER STATUTES - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

375 FALSE CLAIMS ACT
376 Qui Tam 31 USC 3729(a)
400 STATE REAPPORTIONMENT
430 BANKS AND BANKING
450 COMMERCE/ICC RATES/ETC.
460 DEPORTATION
470 RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT
ORGANIZATIONS
480 CONSUMER CREDIT
485 TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT
490 CABLE/SATELLITE TV
890 OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS
891 AGRICULTURAL ACTS
893 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
895 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 899
899 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT /
REVIEW OR APPEAL OF AGENCY DECISION
950 CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES

OTHER STATUTES - "8" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

410 ANTITRUST
850 SECURITIES / COMMODITIES / EXCHANGE

OTHER STATUTES - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK

896 ARBITRATION
(Confirm / Vacate / Order / Modify)

*** PLEASE NOTE DISCOVERY
TRACK FOR EACH CASE
TYPE. SEE LOCAL RULE 26.3**

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.Civ.P. 23 DEMAND \$ _____

JURY DEMAND YES NO (CHECK YES ONLY IF DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT)

VIII. RELATED/REFILED CASE(S) IF ANY

JUDGE _____ DOCKET NO. _____

CIVIL CASES ARE DEEMED RELATED IF THE PENDING CASE INVOLVES: (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX)

1. PROPERTY INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER NUMBERED PENDING SUIT.
2. SAME ISSUE OF FACT OR ARISES OUT OF THE SAME EVENT OR TRANSACTION INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER NUMBERED PENDING SUIT.
3. VALIDITY OR INFRINGEMENT OF THE SAME PATENT, COPYRIGHT OR TRADEMARK INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER NUMBERED PENDING SUIT.
4. APPEALS ARISING OUT OF THE SAME BANKRUPTCY CASE AND ANY CASE RELATED THERETO WHICH HAVE BEEN DECIDED BY THE SAME BANKRUPTCY JUDGE.
5. REPETITIVE CASES FILED BY PRO SE LITIGANTS.
6. COMPANION OR RELATED CASE TO CASE(S) BEING SIMULTANEOUSLY FILED (INCLUDE ABBREVIATED STYLE OF OTHER CASE(S)):

7. EITHER SAME OR ALL OF THE PARTIES AND ISSUES IN THIS CASE WERE PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED IN CASE NO. _____, WHICH WAS
DISMISSED. This case IS IS NOT (check one box) SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME CASE.

M. Brandon Howard

December 15, 2023

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

DATE